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‘Arcata is not going to be here’

City to adapt, protect and retreat from sea level rise

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – “By 2050, this will be normal,” said Aldaron Laird, standing near the top of an Arcata wastewater treatment pond levee as waves broke at his feet.

A small group had trekked out to the Rising Tides Bench during a nine-foot King Tide on Dec. 13 for a discussion of sea level rise, its imminence and conse-

quences.

While the bay’s present borders can more or less withstand today’s King Tides – also known as perigeon spring tides, which coincide with maximum gravitational pull by the moon and sun – that won’t be the case when they ride in on top of tomorrow’s raised sea levels. At that point, seawater would overtop current levees and inundate coastal areas, including homes, farms, businesses

and critical public infrastructure.

The higher sea levels are not an “if,” they’re a “when.” What we don’t know is exactly when.

And it won’t stop there. By 2100, some projections indicate sea level rise of over six feet, possibly much more. That’s why, at an Arcata City Council study session on sea level rise that same night, Community Development Direc-

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UNDERWATER Arcata Community Development Director David Loya displayed a map indicating areas of Arcata (in purple) that are vulnerable to inundation with rising sea levels. KLH | UNION



GROUP EFFORT As is customary, the City of Arcata and Northcoast Children’s Services (NCS) Head Start and Early Head Start teamed up to make a merrier Christmas for five local families with children in need. Each city department sponsors a family whose needs – from food to shoes to toys – are ascertained by the agency. Above, city and NCS staff at City Hall. Right, Sara Gavin and others load up the gifts. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION



❖ MARCHING LUMBERJACKS

Marching band suspended, undergoing investigation

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HSU – The Marching Lumberjacks, Humboldt State’s high-spirited marching band known for its zany antics, has been temporarily suspended by the university.

Humboldt State issued a statement last week that the band is on suspension while the HSU investigates possible violations of university policies. During the suspension, the band will not be allowed to represent the university locally or outside the county.

“The suspension follows the discovery in the band’s on-campus space of inappropriate printed materials and photographs, graffiti, open containers of alcohol and numerous safety and building code violations,” the university stated. “The space has been locked and secured, and the university has begun the process of returning personal belongings to club members.”

Two days after HSU’s announcement, the Marching Lumberjacks issued a statement of

their own.

“The Marching Lumberjacks are aware of the press release from Humboldt State University on Dec. 14 regarding our organization’s suspension. To date, university representatives have not responded to requests from the band’s student leadership for details regarding the specifics of the alleged violations. The band is growing increasingly frustrated with the university’s lack of official communication.”

Some of the details of the alleged violations may not be forthcoming.

According to HSU’s press release last week, “In the California State University system, if student organizations or individual students are found responsible for policy violations, they face disciplinary action ranging from a warning to expulsion. In order to protect the rights and privacy of both students and employees, the university will only be able to provide general information on the investigation.”

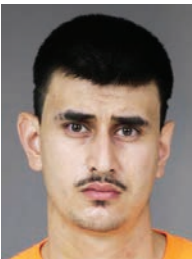
Suspects rounded up after man gunned down

Jack Durham
MAD RIVER UNION

MANILA – As of Monday morning, three of the five suspects allegedly involved in the murder of 20-year-old Tyson Claros in Manila had been taken into custody.

As the *Union* went to press, the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office was still looking for suspects Hector Godoy-Standley, 21, and Catherine Suzanne Lynn Fode, 18.

The Sheriff’s Office had yet to release a mo-



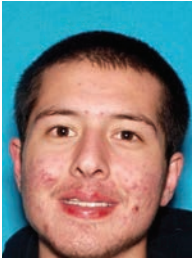
Cesar Valenzuela-Campos



Tamara Nicole Thomson



Brandon Mitchell



Hector Godoy-Standley



Catherine Fode

tive for the killing, which took place alongside State Route 255, roughly halfway between Pacific Avenue and the highway’s southern intersection with Peninsula Drive. There are unconfirmed reports that the

killing may have been part of a robbery over a small amount of money the victim was carrying.

At about 2 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, neighbors heard gunshots ring out in the distance and the Sheriff’s Office received

a report that there was a possible armed robbery in progress.

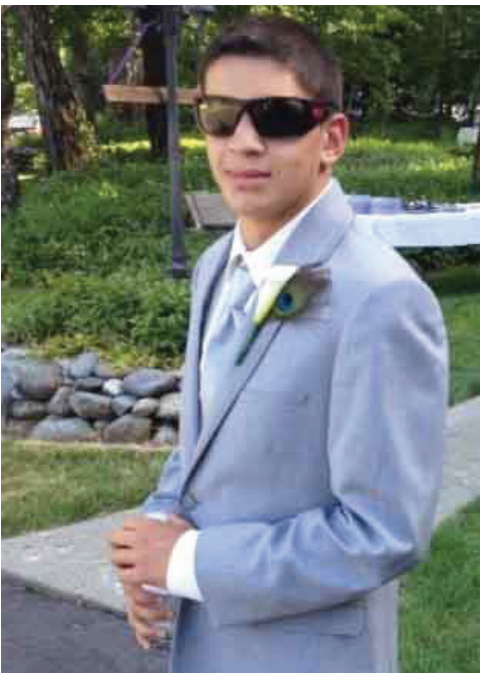
When deputies arrived, they found Claros down on the roadway suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported to a local hos-

pital, where he was pronounced dead.

According to his Facebook page, Claros was a McKinleyville resident who worked a variety of jobs, including being a waiter at Denny’s, a laborer at Fox Farm Soil & Fertilizer and an employee of The Stove Works. He was also a student at College of the Redwoods.

About 14 hours after the killing, suspect Cesar Octavio Valenzuela-Campos logged onto

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SHOOTING VICTIM Tyson Claros of McKinleyville. FACEBOOK PHOTO

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Women hold top seats in Arcata

– *Mad River Herald*, Sept. 5, 1990



Window judges this year were Mark Larson, Sydney Larson, Bob Doran, Susan Ornelas, Leslie Quinn, Eve Miller and Katie Whiteside.

PUBLIC MEETINGS			
Governing Body	Next Meeting	Meeting Location	More Information
Arcata City Council Meets first & third Wednesday	today, Dec. 21 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	cityofarcata.org
Blue Lake City Council Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Building behind City Hall	bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District Meets fourth Thursday	Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	humboldtбай.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD) Meets second Thursday	Thursday, Jan. 12 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	hbmwd.com/meetings
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx
Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD) Meets third Thursday	Thursday, Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm
McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSd) Meets first Wednesday	Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	mckinleyvillecsd.com
McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) Meets last Wednesday	Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m.	Azalea Conference Center, 2275 Central Ave., McKinleyville	humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ
Trinidad City Council Meets second Wednesday	Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	trinidad.ca.gov/city-government/city-council.html



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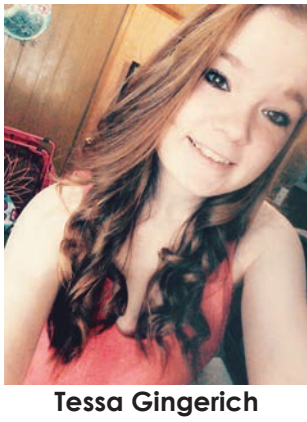
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❖ DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Student killed by DUI suspect

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MCKINLEYVILLE – A 16-year-old McKinleyville girl died last week after being struck down by a truck driven by a suspected drunk driver on Central Avenue in McKinleyville, Tessa Gingerich, a beloved student who excelled at Pacific Coast High School in Arcata, was rushed to Mad River Community Hospital after the collision Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, and later died of her injuries.

That night, at about 8:07 p.m., James Arthur Merrick of McKinleyville was turn-



Tessa Gingerich

ing his 2000 Dodge Ram 1500 from eastbound Anna Sparks Way onto northbound Central Avenue. According to the California Highway Patrol, Merrick

allowed his vehicle to drive off the roadway and onto the east shoulder of Central Avenue, where Gingerich was walking.

After striking the girl, the vehicle continued eastbound until it slammed into a light pole.

Merrick allegedly tried to flee the scene, but was detained by witnesses until law enforcement arrived.

Merrick was placed under arrest.

Merrick, a registered sex offender, is being charged with murder, driving under the influence and hit and run.

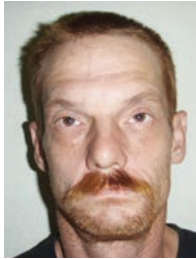
Arcata DUI suspect to alter plea

Paul Mann
MAD RIVER UNION
EUREKA – A change of plea hearing is scheduled for Jan. 11 in Humboldt County Superior Court in the alleged drunken driving death last September of the respected Arcata music engineer Alan Edward Gradwohl, who was 55 years old.

Suspect Robert Willard Bergeson III, 24, entered his change of plea request Dec. 5, pending recommendations by the Probation Department.

Bergeson was released on his own recognizance, unlike James Arthur Merrick II of McKinleyville, held on \$1 million bail and charged with the hit-and-run murder Dec. 14 of 16-year-old Tessa Gingerich, also of McKinleyville. She was a student at Pacific Coast High School, according to the *Times-Standard*.

In the fatal Gradwohl collision, Bergeson



James Arthur Merrick II

originally pleaded not guilty in September to vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and driving under the influence. He was arrested by Arcata Police when they found Gradwohl dead at the scene at 14th and H streets in Arcata about 7:15 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 4 (*Union*, Sept. 13).

Police breath tested Bergeson's blood alcohol level at 0.16-0.17 percent, twice the legal limit of 0.08 percent. They found his Honda van on H Street and reported he was cooperative with responding officers.

According to the arrest report, Bergeson was proceeding west on 14th Street at H Street. He turned south on H and struck Gradwohl, who had moved back to Arcata in October 2015.

Gradwohl was the sound engineer for the band Kingfoot. He previously lived in Arcata from the mid-1990s to the early 2000s.



Robert Willard Bergeson III

ARCATA CITY COUNCIL The Arcata City Council meets **today, Dec. 21** at 6 p.m. at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. Agenda items include a presentation by Humboldt County Chief Probation Officer Bill Damiano on the Humboldt Second Chance/Ex-Offender Employment Program; a presentation on use of recycled materials in road construction; and appointment of members to

the Public Safety Task Force.

WESTHAVEN WATER The monthly meeting of the Westhaven Community Services District Board of Directors is **today, Dec. 21** at 7:30 p.m. at the Westhaven Fire Hall, 446 Sixth Ave. The board will discuss water projects and elect new officers for the year.

❖ BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Lovelace honored as term ends

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION
HUMBOLDT – At the close of his second and last term, Third District Supervisor Mark Lovelace is being described as a hard-working public official who gained strong support and admiration within and beyond his district.

Lovelace was honored at the Dec. 13 Board of Supervisors meeting – his last meeting as a county supervisor. Harbor District Commissioner Mike Wilson will take his place in early January.

State Assemblymember Jim Wood presented Lovelace with a joint resolution from himself and Senator Mike McGuire, saying that “it’s an honor for the senator and I to recognize your leadership, your time on the Board of Supervisors and to wish you the best in what you ultimately do when you step down.”

Wood was scheduled to make a morning presentation updating supervisors on his work, but he was delayed by a landslide on State Route 299. He said honoring Lovelace was “another reason to make an extra effort to be here today – I did not want to let this opportunity pass to recognize your service and present you with this resolution.”

Representing Congressman Jared Huffman, John Driscoll thanked Lovelace for his work and voiced Huffman’s “deep appreciation for what you’ve done here during your eight years of service.”

Driscoll added, “I believe you’ll leave a lasting and positive impact on the area.”

Supervisors Virginia Bass and Estelle Fennell said they enjoyed working with Lovelace, who was board chair this year. Bass presented him with an ornamental glass piece commemorating his year as the board’s chair.

Wilson gave Lovelace a “heartfelt thank you for representing the Third District, from the Third District.” He said residents of the district are “overwhelmingly satisfied – more than satisfied – with Mark’s

representation.”

Wilson said that the range of issues and work Lovelace has done is “astounding,” including advancement of broadband telecommunications, support of Klamath River restoration and re-establishment of the California State Association of Counties’ Coastal Counties Committee.

On behalf of the North Coast Resource Partnership, former Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Manager Carol Rische presented Lovelace with a resolution. Lovelace has worked on the multi-county partnership’s policy review panel since 2011 and the resolution states that Lovelace is “held in the highest regard and is admired by his colleagues.”

After thanking everyone for their comments, Lovelace described county government as a team effort and emphasized the importance of each supervisor’s skill set and background. “That diversity helps us get things done,” he said.

He also expressed “deep appreciation” for the work of county staff. “I thought about that every single day of this job – the importance of our staff,” he continued.

Political circumstances influenced Lovelace’s decision not to run for re-election. Into his second term, the makeup of the board changed, and he was often a lone defender of environmental principles, particularly in votes involving land use.

In supporting Wilson as the next supervisory representative for the district, Lovelace said the board shifted from a policy-gearred entity to a politicized one and someone with better ability to deal with it was needed.

In an August 2015 press release announcing his decision to not seek a third term, he listed establishment of the McKay Community Forest, advocacy for removal of Klamath River dams, lobbying for statewide marijuana regulation and reform of coastal planning processes as some of his major pieces of work.

Murder | Gunshots

❖ **FROM A1**
Facebook and wrote a cheery message.

“So glad to be out here on a good path. Life can only get Easier [sic] day by day. Got a job with my mom couldn’t be happier,” wrote Valenzuela-Campos at about 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12.

By 9:30 p.m. that night, the Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputies had arrested Valenzuela-Campos, 23, of Eureka, at the Shell Station on Myrtle Avenue at

McFarlan Street. His 18-year-old accomplice, Tamara Nicole Thomson, was arrested a short time later at a residence in Eureka.

Both were booked into the county jail on suspicion of murder, with bail set at \$1 million each. On Thursday, Dec. 15, both plead not guilty.

That same day, Brandon James Mitchell, 22, turned himself in to investigators after learning that he was wanted by law enforcement. He was booked into the county jail on suspicion of murder.

Sea levels | Become like Venice?

❖ **FROM A1**
tor David Loya stated, “Arcata is not going to be here in the future.” Pointing northeast in the direction of the hills, he said, “It might be there.”

The levee walk and the later council study session offered both a reality check and a gut check as regards the cataclysmic challenges ahead.

In one day, the minute number of Arcata residents who participated in the two events – a few dozen total – learned about what’s coming and ways the city might respond.

Out on the bay, Laird noted that sea level rise could render some initial areas uninhabitable even as streets remain dry, by flooding out underground utilities such as sewer lines.

With the bay protected by 41 miles of aging dikes, Laird said, “We’re all living on borrowed time.”

How much time there is to do something, and what, were key points in the discussion at Arcata City Hall that night. Senior Planner Elizabeth Schatz laid out the big picture with a comprehensive overview.

Exacerbating the problem locally is that the water level isn’t just rising – the land is sinking. Tectonic forces are pushing Humboldt down, the subsidence compounding the problem.

As bay levels rise, said City Engineer Doby Class, Arcata’s creeks won’t be able to drain properly. Storm drains will back up and water will pool upstream, flooding near-creek areas.

The Bloomfield neighborhood is a prime example. “All that’s underwater,” Class said.

“Our streets will become Venice,” Class said. He noted that “entire nations live that way,” protecting developed areas with dikes and pumping water out into

the sea.

“Tourism opportunity!” blurted Councilmember Sofia Pereira, half in jest.

Humboldt Baykeeper’s Jen Kalt, who had also participated in the earlier bay walk, said areas likely to flood should be assessed for toxic hot spots and other pollutants that could mingle with the rising waters.

The “punch line,” Loya said, is that “it’s going to impact the City of Arcata big time if we don’t do anything.”

The strategy is shaping up as armor and protect critical assets for as long as it’s cost effective, then pull back.

Which areas will get protection will be the most difficult thing to decide. Councilmember Mark Wheelley noted that lower H Street and other bay-facing areas are the “biggest concern.” Class said State Route 255 presents a natural barrier, or “default levy.” But it is far from impermeable.

“Arcata’s boundaries are shrinking,” Class observed.

Loya showed a slide indicating areas that might be safely protected by improved levees. Numerous gaps in the levees could be filled and their height raised, thus enclosing selected areas of town deemed worthy of preservation.

Identifying those areas via cost/benefit assessments will be among the difficult decisions required of planners, politicians and the public in years to come. Integrating them into the Local Coastal Plan promises to be daunting at best.

While the Coastal Commission presently disallows filling of wetlands, that is effectively what would occur once they’re diked in. The agency may have to revisit even that most sacrosanct policy as the waters rise, or doom coastal

communities to inundation.

“Where would we find mitigations?” wondered Julie Neander, deputy director of community services. “It’s a whole new world,” Class noted.

As the ocean creeps in, Arcata will do what mammals everywhere instinctively do when pursued – climb. Referring to the town’s higher elevations, Loya said, “We’re starting to annex that way. Over time, we’re going to start building that way.”

While this fundamental shift is outside the current “planning horizon,” Loya said, “At some time it’s going to be infeasible to protect the assets we have.”

Among the assets considered worth protecting, or “armoring” via raised levees and protected access would be Arcata’s Wastewater Treatment Facility, located at the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary. Currently undergoing upgrades, the plant should be all right for another 40 years if walled off against the water.

Class called the eventual state of things there “a road to an island.”

Complicating the planning is that projections of sea level rise vary wildly. While inevitable, specifics are elusive. “We’re fumbling in the dark here, just to be honest,” Loya said. Nonetheless, he said, it’s crucial to “design a retreat strategy.”

Laird said that once the wastewater plant becomes too costly or impractical to protect, it may be most practical to “think outside the box” and create a regional treatment facility to replace it.

“Luckily, this council won’t have to make that decision,” Loya assured wide-eyed councilmembers.

Environmental Services Director Mark Andre repeatedly offered assurances that the current treatment plant will be safe and useful for years to come. “We think we can fortify that spot for a



KING TIDE Aldaron Laird leads a group on the edge of the bay during a King Tide.

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long time,” he said.

He said that there are 35 treatment plants in the Bay Area that are similarly vulnerable, with plans afoot to fortify them.

Loya said piecemeal fixes won’t do. “One project at a time – that’s not planning,” he said. He suggested that a regional approach, possibly a joint powers authority, might be best suited to craft an overall “adapt, protect, retreat” strategy.

Andre, the voice of calm amid the startling revelations, pointed out that Amsterdam, the Netherlands city which is more than six feet below sea level, “has been living like that for a long time.” Of town-protecting levees, Andre said, “You can almost engineer anything with enough money.”

Inevitably, property values in some areas are going to plunge, while others are going to become more valuable.

Councilmember Mark Wheelley said that developments within areas likely to flood should be charged an impact fee to offset public costs for protecting those assets.

Councilmember Susan Ornelas said a regional group might be assembled, and that community

outreach must be done to ensure public involvement in the decision making. It doesn’t have to be a grim undertaking, she said, but an opportunity for citizens to imaginatively redefine the town.

“It could almost be a pinnacle time,” Ornelas said. “We can plan with creativity and not just work off of our fears.”

Loya later laid out the initial approach, which will ramp up in January. At least two more council study sessions will be held, each getting more specifics as to what’s in store.

A “gap analysis” will be done to identify where levees might be completed in order to encircle town assets, and projections will be refined.

The public will be asked to prioritize which properties ought to be protected. More tours of the most exposed areas will be held, using the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center as a starting point.

From all of this, a process and policy objectives will emerge. The Arcata Planning Commission will be charged with developing specifics, which will then be handed up to the Arcata City Council.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Students pepper sprayed

HUMBOLDT COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
MCKINLEYVILLE – On Wednesday, Dec. 14 at approximately 12:35 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputies responded to McKinleyville Middle School for a report of multiple students pepper sprayed by a male juvenile suspect. It was reported the juvenile suspect fled on foot on Central Avenue.
Deputies responded to the middle school where they met with several juvenile victims. It was determined the juvenile victims and juvenile suspect were in the cafeteria when the incident occurred. Two of the juvenile victims had to be taken to a local hospital for treatment.
While deputies went to the school to meet with victims, additional deputies searched for the juvenile suspect. Deputies located the juvenile suspect on Central Avenue at Hartwood and arrested him without incident. The juvenile suspect was taken to Juvenile Hall where he was booked for illegal use of teargas, and assault and battery on school grounds.
This case is currently under investigation. Anyone with information for the Sheriff’s Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff’s Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff’s Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

Grinches caught on tape

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EUREKA – Two men who allegedly stole two bins full of toys for needy children from the Bayshore Mall last week were arrested in the days following their Grinchy heist.
At 10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, surveillance cameras at the Eureka mall captured images of two adult men walking out of the mall with the Toys for Tots bins. The men were last seen running north on Broadway.
The next day, Dec. 13, at 11:54 a.m., detectives with the Problem Oriented Policing Unit of the Eureka Police Department spotted one of the suspects – identified as Robert Cochran III, 33, of Eureka – on the 2700 block of Broad-

way. According to Eureka Police, Cochran was still wearing the same clothes as seen on the surveillance video and was allegedly in possession of some of the stolen toys. Cochran was arrested on suspicion of possession of stolen property and for violating probation.
By Wednesday morning, Dec. 14, detectives caught up with the second suspect, Steven Danielson, 31, of Eureka. With the assistance of the California Department of Fish & Wildlife and the U.S. Coast Guard, Danielson was located near the foot of Pound Street in Eureka. Although Danielson was not in possession of any of the toys, he was found with possessions linked to several car burglaries.



GRINCHES Surveillance cameras caught two men stealing a Toys for Tots bin from the Bayshore Mall. PHOTO COURTESY EUREKA POLICE

Danielson was arrested on suspicion of resisting arrest, possession of stolen property, being a felon in possession of tear gas and for a probation violation.

Car burglar foiled

ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT
ARCATA – On Tuesday, Dec. 13 at about 10:30 p.m., officers from the Arcata Police Department responded to the 900 block of Eighth Street on the report of a vehicle burglary in progress.
Officers arrived on scene and observed an adult male subject running from the area and detained him. Officers quickly located a stash of property in the area that the suspect was seen running from. An officer contacted the citizen who reported the incident and they positively identified Jeremy Todd Butler, 40, from Arcata as the suspect.
The owner of the vehicle was contacted and he identified the property found by officers as having been inside his truck.
Butler was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked and lodged on charges of grand theft; misappropriation of found property; felon in possession of pepper spray; possession of a narcotic; possession of paraphernalia; tampering with a vehicle and violation of probation.
It was subsequently found that Butler, who is on probation, also had four warrants for his arrest.
The Arcata Police Department would like to thank the watchful citizen whose quick thinking led to the apprehension of the suspect and the return of the victim’s property.

Stabbing and arrest

ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT
ARCATA – On Friday, Dec. 16 at about 2:24 p.m., the Arcata Police Department received a report of a stabbing victim in the area of Samoa Boulevard and H Street. Upon the officer’s arrival, they located a 44-year-old man with multiple stab wounds to his back and upper chest. The officers began administering first aid to the victim until the arrival of emergency medical staff.
Due to the victim’s injuries, the officers were unable to get much information from him on what had occurred. The officers began checking the immediate area for witnesses and evidence. An officer noticed that a nearby business had a video camera facing the area where the victim was located. Upon review of the video, the officers could see the suspect stab the victim. The suspect was identified as Jessica Vaverka, 28, of Arcata.
Vaverka was on scene and had initially identified herself as the victim’s girlfriend. She was taken into custody without incident. Vaverka was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, where she was booked for attempted homicide and probation violation.
The victim was admitted to the hospital and was listed in stable, but guarded condition.
Any witnesses to the incident are encouraged to contact the Arcata Police Department at (707) 822-2424.

Broken glass policing

ARCATA POLICE DEPARTMENT
ARCATA – On Tuesday, Dec. 13 at approximately 2:20 a.m., an Arcata Police Officer was patrolling near the Union Town Shopping Center, 600 F St., when he heard the sound of glass breaking.
The officer approached the area on foot and discovered a glass door panel had been broken out of one of the businesses. As the officer approached the storefront, an individual was spotted exiting through the broken front door. The person, who was later identified as Silver Bonner, 18, of Hollywood, fled from the officer. She was taken into custody a short distance away.
While officers were detaining Bonner, a second subject, who was identified as Robert Abner, 18, of Puente Calif., was seen exiting the business. Abner also fled from the officers, but was eventually located and arrested some distance from the scene.
The subsequent investigation revealed Abner was allegedly responsible for two additional commercial burglaries in Arcata.
Bonner was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for on suspicion of burglary and conspiracy. Abner was booked into the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for on suspicion of burglary, conspiracy and resisting arrest.

Probability cloud surrounding Schrödinger’s cash collapses

- **Saturday, November 26 7:30 p.m.** An accidental science experiment at an L.K. Wood Boulevard laundromat involved placing money in a jacket, then leaving it unattended to go quaff a beverage next door. The money existed in a superstate of being stolen and not stolen until the jacket owner checked it. When he did, the probability cloud collapsed and Schrödinger’s cash was gone.
- **Sunday, November 27 12:09 p.m.** A big rottweiler was reported locked in a car on South G Street all night, and at this point it was “smashing itself against the windows.”
- **4:53 p.m.** Someone saw two kindergarten-age children kissing each other in a store, and the way they were doing that made someone concerned that it was a learned behavior following abuse.
- **Monday, November 28 9:09 a.m.** A gym bag left in a car seat is a handy way to get your car window smashed, if that’s what you want.
- **Tuesday, November 29 8:08 a.m.** A woman allowed two now-disreputable houseguests to stay overnight, and awoke to find her keys and car missing. Although it technically wasn’t her car.
- **12:08 p.m.** A boat cover was slit open in Courtyard Circle, with land-brigands stealing tents and air mattresses.
- **4:58 p.m.** A backpacker on a 13th Street store’s patio was “associated with a large stick,” and filled the patio with high-volume chanting.
- **Wednesday, November 30 1 p.m.** A guest at the lowest-budget Valley West motel checked out, taking the TV with him.
- **1:18 p.m.** A man sleeping in an I Street store’s flower bed was asked by employees to move along. He reinterpreted



- this as a request to pee on the flowers and then panhandle customers.
- **Thursday, December 1 9:38 a.m.** So dedicated was a previously ejected patron to shopliftingness that even his lingering outside the entrance was undesirable. He was warned.
 - **11:27 a.m.** A guy’s Amazon package, containing a new PlayStation which he was never to play, was left on his porch.
 - **11:19 p.m.** A man called from somewhere on West End Road to report that he had either taken too much LSD or struck his head on something, one of the two. He wasn’t sure how much LSD he’d taken, or exactly where he was.
 - **Friday, December 2 2:50 p.m.** A door-to-door scammer asked to see a Baldwin Street resident’s utility bill, and was refused. He wouldn’t say whether or not he had a solicitor’s permit, but asked to use the resident’s phone.
 - **3:53 p.m.** A woman in Valley West yelled to or at herself while walking in circles.
 - **4:09 p.m.** A man with a bruised face and saggy jeans made odd statements about falling into a Valley West business and injuring himself, and finding some of his belongings there. He was arrested.
 - **Saturday, December 3 12:09 a.m.** A man in natty white jacket and cane screamed nonsensically on F Street.
 - **12:35 a.m.** A woman’s life was seemingly immersed in badness, the way she described it into the courtesy phone outside the police station. She heard a bad noise, said she was a bad person and needed to turn herself in or someone would be hurt, which would be bad.
 - **5:16 a.m.** A woman at a Valley West motel said a man had slammed her into the ground, and now she couldn’t move her neck.
 - **10:04 a.m.** An H Street apartment dweller said that a woman had entered her apartment the previous night and fallen asleep, and was now outside in the hallway demanding to come back in and get her purse, which wasn’t there.
 - **11:17 a.m.** A man on Iverson Avenue went door to door with a clipboard, asking to see utility bills but refused to show any credentials that might legitimize his inquiries.
 - **2:07 p.m.** A man near an F Street pizza restaurant waved his arms around and walked in circles, yelling at passersby. He’d earlier been inside a nearby pet store asking about syringes.
 - **3:58 p.m.** A woman said that a neighbor had yelled at her 8-year-old son. When she went to talk to her about it, the neighbor doused her and the lad with a bucket of water.
 - **4:18 p.m.** An Alliance Road resident said a neighbor threw a glass out of their window, striking the person’s service dog.
 - **4:51 p.m.** A man at a Valley West gas station made off with a pack of Parliament cigarettes, with the recessed filter so that only the flavor touches your larcenous lips.

- **8:52 p.m.** Possibly mistaking it for the drama-drenched donut shop, a man wandered into an H Street deli, yelling and trying to start fights.
- **Sunday, December 4 12:41 p.m.** A cell phone belonging to a person reported missing out of Lake County was pinging to a location in the Arcata Community Forest.
- **1:10 p.m.** Several 15 gallon trash bags were dumped at 11th and F streets.
- **1:25 p.m.** A man showed up at a Union Street house asking to rent a room there. Told there were no rooms for rent, he commenced rummaging through a car parked out front.
- **1:55 p.m.** Locks were cut at an 11th Street preschool and items valued at over \$1,000 stolen. Among the property lost was a neon green and black men’s 21-speed Trek 3500 mountain bike.
- **6:22 p.m.** A freelance outdoor decorator has been rearranging an L Street resident’s yard furnishings. First, a ladder from the backyard was placed in the front yard, then a rug on the back porch was flung into the backyard. This follows the taking of a package off the porch 10 days ago, it being ripped open and thrown into the neighbor’s driveway.
- **10:41 p.m.** A fire dancer near an I Street supermarket’s gazebo allowed the flames to lick at a tree there.
- **Monday, December 5 4:41 p.m.** A large man and a female companion joined forces to poop upon the south side of a 10th Street building, their descriptions minimal as a witness chose to behold the defecating duo only from a distance.
- **Tuesday, December 6 9:57 a.m.** Someone reportedly stole two large lights from an H Street restaurant/entertainment venue, and there were texts to prove the lack of payment.
- **11:18 a.m.** A downtown storehouse has another noncontributing hangabout habitue with no actual business there.
- **4:37 p.m.** Three months after its occupant died, an Alliance Road apartment hadn’t been cleaned. The food was rotting and attracting flies.
- **9:10 p.m.** A car doorhandle-tryer worked Eighth Street, peering into the vehicles as he went.

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OPINION

Good news does exist, even in this grim year

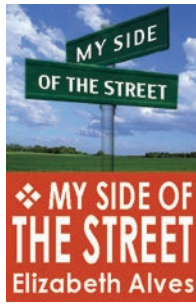
As the days grow shorter and darker, it's only natural to reflect on the 12 months which have led us here. Nationally, there are grave concerns; many Humboldt residents remain unconvinced that Donald Trump possesses the skills or temperament to be a good president. Luckily, our government is designed to limit the damage any single person can do, even from the White House.

I've been reading the archives of Eleanor Roosevelt's column, *My Day*, online, and I was especially struck by one from late October 1936. She had received a piece of Republican campaign literature in the mail, which included a reference to the Gettysburg Address:

"That this nation [...] shall not perish from the earth.' The inference of course, is that there is a possibility that the nation will perish if one of the candidates in the present campaign is elected!

"Now I wish I could convince myself of this fact, it would make it so much more interesting but the most I can feel is that we may have more difficult times if one man is elected than if another man is elected. After all, we have not perished from the earth through many other periods of stress and change." That's well said.

The Redwood Curtain is sometimes detrimental to our interests, but in this case, it



is a strength. I'm reminded of the state-wide push to consolidate school districts. Humboldt kept a low profile, gave a little here and there and, eventually, state policy moved in a different direction, leaving Humboldt with a handful of proud, tiny independent districts.

When local media outlets select their lists of top stories of the year, those often include a lot of deaths, and it will be even worse than usual this year. Illicit drugs and trafficking drove homicides, alcohol abuse led to coroner's cases and old-fashioned romantic triangles and domestic violence turned fatal. It's hard to be cheerful in the face of all the destructive news.

Those who believe in a Supreme Being whose "eye is upon the sparrow" might well wonder if Humboldt has been forsaken in 2016. It's easy to allow the drumbeat of bad news to take over the rhythm of life. I remind you that good news does exist, even in this grim year.

When government fails to solve a difficult problem, it is often because it insists on trying to do everything for everyone with the same program. That's not going to happen, and the cities and Humboldt County can learn a lot by watching Betty Chinn. She sees those without homes as people she can help, not as statistics or units to be

shuffled on a whiteboard.

Our vibrant local arts scene is another bright spot. No matter how bad things are, people make visual art, create music and tell stories. Their efforts are among the consistent good news featured in local outlets.

Wherever you go, there are people helping their families, friends and neighbors. Those stories are sometimes neglected, but if you search them out, you can't help but be impressed. The outcome of the presidential election can be interpreted to mean that selfishness won, but that doesn't make it true.

Recently a man brought his elderly neighbor to the Emergency Room. He didn't know her especially well, but it was the middle of the night and she needed a ride. Then he waited patiently while she was treated and eventually took her home again.

If you look out for them, there are sure to be ways you can help others. Holding open a door instead of letting it slam in the face of someone using a walker is a small but meaningful act. Nearly every parking lot offers choices between power-walking past someone struggling and performing a

random act of kindness.

I find that nothing raises my spirits the way helping others does. In 2017, I will be watching for good local news to share with my readers. As a down payment, I offer the recent community effort to get the Ten Ninety-One out of the Humboldt Bay, where it was in imminent danger of sinking.

The WWII craft had hazardous materials such as asbestos and oily water on board, which would have contaminated the bay. The nonprofit that owns it didn't have the money to deal with the problem, but agencies and private parties worked together to remove the hazards and pull the craft out of the water to a location near the Samoa Cookhouse. Their effort provided a 90-day reprieve to come up with another plan.

That's an outcome worth celebrating. There may be a dozen problems associated with it, but the important thing is that the bay has been safeguarded from a nasty – and expensive – mess. Thank you to everyone involved.

Elizabeth Alves recommends the *My Day* columns archived at the George Washington University website. Comments and suggestions are welcome care of the Union or to mysidestreet@gmail.com.

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COCKEYED TRIBUTE Thanks to a team of volunteers, Ned Simmons' Top Hat Tree, above left, continues Ned's efforts to enliven the seaside village. Above right, retired PG&E lineman J.D. Jeffries climbed into the tree to find the light plug. PHOTOS BY JAN WEST

A tip o' the hat to Ned Simmons

Janine Volkmar
MAD RIVER UNION

TRINIDAD – Ned Simmons (1939-2011) had a smile that could light up the town of Trinidad. His art gallery, his service as a volunteer fireman, his tireless work on compiling the town's history, and his annual Cockeyed Florence Parade are all gifts he gave to the seaside village.

He left the gallery to the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust when he died, but he wanted the parade to die with him.

Simmons always led the Cockeyed Flo parade in his trademark top hat.

So when the holly tree outside his art gallery was in danger of being chopped down as a nuisance, his friends, inspired by artist Susan Morton, trimmed the giant tree into the shape of a top hat.

No one talked about cutting it down after that!

Jan West, his long time neighbor, started the ball rolling to get donations to light up the top hat tree for Christmas in 2014.

Others contributed to the cost of the lights as well.

"The Chamber of Commerce gave us \$300 to rent the cherrypicker the first year," West said.

Recently West, her husband Jack, and Trinidad Art Gallery member J.D. Jeffries untangled the wires from the tree in order to have it lit for the holidays.

"J.D. is a former PG&E lineman," West explained. "Without his help, we wouldn't have been able to do it. It was a miracle."

The top hat tree will glow every day and night from 3 p.m. until midnight, in memory of Simmons.

"Mr. Ned, our gentle giant is no more," West said. "But his spirit, his art and

his profound words will always be part of us. In this season of giving, let us remember Ned's example of giving of ourselves, of our friendship, and our service to others. When you see the lights on Ned's Top Hat Tree, think of Ned's giving and the joy he expressed with his life."



Ned Simmons



HOMEGROWN MAGICIAN Dale Lorzo learned magic at the library and returns the favor by performing at three local libraries this week. SUBMITTED PHOTO

HUMBOLDT COUNTY LIBRARY

HUMBOLDT – The Magic Man has returned to Humboldt County! Magician Dale Lorzo presents free performances for families at three Humboldt County Libraries Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 21 and 22.

Lorzo presents a dynamic and engaging show, calling on audience members to help create his magic and to reveal their inner stars. He and his wife Elaine – who is his show manager, props and wardrobe designer and all-round assistant – worked for years as Goodwill Ambassadors for McDonalds around the country. Now they work mostly in California, where they especially enjoy performing in libraries to celebrate the magic of reading and of family fun.

Lorzo is a homegrown magician – he grew up in Eureka and saw a magician perform for the first

time at the Redwood Acres Fair in the 1950s. That performance sparked his interest in learning magic, and when he read advertisements in the back of his comic books that suggested he could become the life of a party through magic, he was inspired. Lorzo read all the books about magic that he could find in the Carnegie Library on F Street, and then studied theatre arts at Humboldt State before launching his career as a family entertainer.

The Lorzos return to Humboldt County periodically to share their love of magic with local residents.

The library's programs and services are free, and accessible to persons with disabilities. All programs are sponsored by First 5 Humboldt. The Eureka event is part of the Family Literacy Night series, and is also sponsored by the Humboldt Literacy Project.

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A safer space

Arcata's Breakfast All Day Collective works to establish an art space for all ages

Lauraine Leblanc
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – In the aftermath of the tragic Dec. 2 Ghost Ship warehouse fire in Oakland, the urgent need for safer spaces for artists and musicians has become readily apparent. Driven by the compulsion to create – a compulsion that isn't necessarily lucrative – young makers are willing to perform in all sorts of unsafe spaces. But it doesn't have to be that way. A local group, the Breakfast All Day Collective, has been quietly toiling for some years to open All Ages Arcata, a long-lasting, safer community space.

The project started in the house show scene. Zev Smith-Danford – an East Bay native who came to study at Humboldt State – and their partner Alex would host events in their Northtown home. They felt that they could do more, to create something greater than themselves and greater than the house. Starting in 2013, a collective – a group ranging from 8 to 15 people at any time – coalesced around that vision. Many of the collective's members had



DO-IT-TOGETHER All Ages Arcata offers a safer space for young artists. FACEBOOK PHOTO

long experience with all-ages spaces in their original communities, said Smith-Danford, but found precious few such outlets in Northern Humboldt.

With the stated aim of creating safer spaces, the collective has, in the past two years, undertaken a careful and measured campaign to create a long-lasting all-ages creative maker space in Arcata. Part community center, part studio, part meeting hall, part library, the collective envisions All Ages Arcata as a bridge between the college and the town, where HSU freshmen from Southern California and local high school students can meet and collaborate.

"Youth involvement is really important," said Smith Danford, "not just attending, but participating in all aspects."

ALL AGES ARCATA ❖ B2

Creatures were stirring

Winter is officially here. The Solstice was at 2:14 a.m. to be exact. Yes, it's cold. Yes, everyone is going on vacation or already gone. Yes, the Trumpocalypse is less than a month away. Let's talk about something else for a change. A lot of places are closed, at least in the cultural side of things, so let's catch up on some other news. Let's talk nuts. Maybe some bolts too.

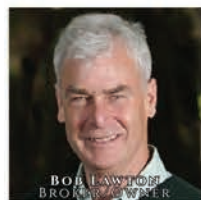


❖ **THE HUM**
Bob Doran

Did you get your fill of nuts yet? Unless you are raising a young dancer, you may not see this as *Nutcracker* season. It's a really big deal in the dance world, with every dance company mounting some sort of nutty holiday show, either the trad or otherwise. You missed Shoshanna's bellydance *Nutcracker: Arabian Nights* at Redwood Raks and Humboldt Aerial Collective's *Nutcracker Spectacular!* with silk dancing and such at the new Synopsis Nova. There was No Limits' *Candy Cane Lane* with tap, jazz and hip-hop dancers and North Coast Dance presented its *Nutcracker* at the Arkley. Sundance Ballet Company's *The Nutcracker Ballet* took over the Van Duzer.

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Gail Saunders and Mitch Ward provided lights. Bryan Buckman and his Public Works crew assisted when the whole project fell to the ground after torrential rain. Jon Baltiera and his workers Jesse and Thomas strung the lights and installed a timer, which will keep the tree lit between 4:30 and 8:30 p.m. All is in order now and the whole community can enjoy what Diane Stockness hopes will become an annual tradition.

Christmas Eve at Trinidad's churches
A reminder that Trinidad's 1873 Holy Trinity Catholic Church will hold a 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass on Saturday, Dec. 24. Saints Martha and Mary Episcopal Church on Trinity Street will hold a Christmas Eve service beginning with carols at 5:30 p.m. and a Festal Mass at 6 p.m. All are welcome to participate in these Christmas celebrations.

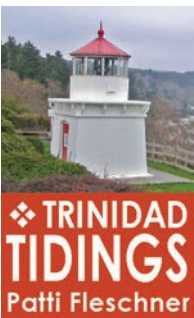
Ladwig and Rotwein join City Council
At last week's Trinidad City Council meeting, Steve Ladwig, elected on Nov. 8 to serve on the council to fill Julie Fulkerson's seat, was sworn in by City Clerk Gabriel Adams.

Shortly after the November election, Councilmember Susan Tissot had to resign because of employment away from Trinidad. Three highly qualified prospective candidates, Susan Rotwein, Cheryl Kelly (retiring after a 30-year career in high technology) and Laura Scott (a volunteer firefighter and current Planning Commissioner) applied for the vacancy.

After interviews by Councilmembers Dwight Miller, Jack West, Jim Baker and Steve Ladwig, and public comments, Rotwein, who has decades of experience with fishing, harbor and planning matters, was appointed.

Two Planning Commission vacancies were filled as well by Humboldt State environmental planning and policy major Natasha Braziel and geothermal heating expert John Hedrick.

In other important news, after City Manager Dan Berman and City Attorney Andrew Stunich presented case history, the council voted unanimously to settle the Tsurai Ancestral Society lawsuit against the city by transferring joint stewardship for the 12-and-a-half-acre Tsurai Study Area above the harbor to the Tsurai



Ancestral Society and the Yurok Tribe. A number of conditions apply. A part of the settlement involves dropping the appeal by the society to the California Coastal Commission for the Trinidad Civic Club's nearly five-year effort to complete grounds improvements at the Memorial Lighthouse, which rests on a 45-foot by 50-foot parcel separate from the Tsurai Study Area.

Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria representatives Joy Sundberg, Lisa Sundberg, James Brown, Zach Brown and Shirley Laos presented arguments against the 12-and-a-half-acre transfer of land. Trinidad Rancheria owns the Trinidad Pier, the Seascope, the boat launching facility and the harbor land near the study area in addition to the trust land where Cher-ae Heights and Sunset Restaurant, along with many residences and offices, are located.

Other matters were considered as well until late into the night. City staff and council volunteers work tirelessly for Trinidad. When you see them, thank them for their service. There are few easy decisions.

Four Friday Fine Arts Salons
Donna Haddock, co-founder of Inner Center Fine Arts Institute, will present four Fine Arts Salons on successive Fridays in January.

The programs and dates are: "Seeding Beauty" on Jan. 6; "Fine Art in One's Higher Nature" on Jan. 13; "Fine Art's Ancient Wisdom" on Jan. 20 and "Inner Peace Through Fine Art" on Jan. 27.

Salons are held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Coffee and tea are provided. A donation of \$10 per salon is suggested. Seating is limited so reservations are a must. Call (707) 496-5350 for location and details.

Fred Telonicher Marine Laboratory
HSU Marine Lab Director and Professor Brian Tissot writes that a busy semester has ended, with 35 research projects having been accomplished by 71 students. The Coral Sea vessel had 25 scheduled cruises, although a few of them were cancelled due to high waves and wind.

The Western Society of Naturalists held a conference in Monterey in November, and there were 51 HSU participants, the most from any university, presenting 11 talks. Tissot gives an abundance of fascinating marine biology information on projects, students and instructors in the laboratory newsletter. Sign up by emailing him at brian.tissot@humboldt.edu.

Merry Christmas!

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

'Jane Doe' seeks community support

GAME OVER
HUMBOLDT – It has been an incredible, eye-opening, creative first year for *Jane Doe In Wonderland*, a play that educates youth and the community about domestic sex trafficking happening in Humboldt County.

In October 2015, *Jane Doe* was just an idea Elle Snow, survivor and founder of Game Over, brought to the table during her first meeting with Dell'Arte's Erin Johnston, Kate Tobie and Grace Booth. In November, the three actor-creators sat down with Snow for a four-hour training on sex trafficking in Humboldt County. The information and storytelling shared that afternoon spurred a passionate month of writing the first draft of *Jane Doe*, which led to a staged reading in March 2016 with a cast of actors from Dell'Arte, Humboldt State and the community. Over the summer, Game Over hosted a fundraiser at the Arcata Playhouse and recorded the first cut for a radio play version of *Jane Doe*.

In addition, Game Over became a non-profit, receiving 501(c)3 status, a huge step for the organization, which now has expanded its vision of education from local trainings for law enforcement, social workers and foster parents to trainings and education through the arts.

Since September, the group of four women has organized an upcoming tour of *Jane Doe* in March/April 2017 to Humboldt high schools and community venues. The full production of *Jane Doe* will reach a wider audience, and continue this galvanizing and vital conversation. Half of this tour has already been booked with nine shows secured thus far, including public performances at Ferndale Repertory Theatre March 29, Dell'Arte International March 31 and North Coast Repertory Theatre April 3 to 5.

In October, the group met with Spare Change Teen Theatre Troupe, and held

two workshops, working with this inspiring group to develop their theater work and also receiving feedback. Spare Change, overseen by Planned Parenthood NorCal, has officially endorsed *Jane Doe* to schools, which has been enormously helpful since this material can be so sensitive and triggering.

Jane Doe has received grants from the Humboldt Area Foundation's Sylvia Garvie Memorial Fund; the Tom and Stephanie Perrett Foundation; and a matching grant of \$5,000 from the James and Eva Tobie Foundation. There remain \$20,000 to raise for touring and production costs. A crowdsourcing platform (generosity.com/education-fundraising/anti-sex-trafficking-play-jane-doe-in-wonderland--2/x/15576079) has been set up to make the matching grant happen – each dollar contributed will be doubled! Checks can be made out to Game Over and sent to 326 I St., Ste. 147, Eureka, CA, 95501 (please specify that they are for *Jane Doe* for a tax deductible donation).

There is also a need for housing for actors, many of whom will be traveling from all around the country to join this production – if you have an extra room and would be willing to share your home with a visiting artist, email janedoeinwonderland-play@gmail.com. Other in-kind donations are welcome as well – if you have an idea of how you can help, please get in touch!

It has been an incredible process to see the community rise to meet us; many people have already donated time and resources to make this tour happen and we have been honored by the support and belief in this project from the community.

To read more about the play, visit madriverriverunion.com/brave-new-play-addresses-sex-trafficking-in-humboldt-county/ and [facebook.com/janedoeinwonderland/](https://www.facebook.com/janedoeinwonderland/).

Museum collecting collections

HUMBOLDT ARTS COUNCIL
EUREKA – To anyone else, they're just a dozen salt and pepper shakers. To you, they're a precious part of your identity.

Are you driven by a passion to find just the right item to add to your collection? The Humboldt Arts Council invites community members to share the wonderful, weird or wacky treasures that define their personal tastes as collectors in the show: *Humboldt Collects* at the Morris Graves Museum of Art.

Collections aren't just something we do; they define who we are. A handful of buttons carries on the meaning of a centuries-old family tradition. Immaculate *Spiderman* comics represent the hero you want to be. What does your collection say about you?

Share your most prized items in this spring's public exhibition, *Humboldt Collects*.

About the exhibition
Inspired by our role as a collecting institution, the Humboldt Arts Council will showcase unusual and interesting collections from the area. This celebration of the art of collecting will focus on art and non-art items such as tools, household goods, sporting equipment, jewelry, toys, music, books, nature (insects, rocks) and so on – basically, anything individuals find collectible, from everyday things to the outright eccentric.

Submission guidelines
To submit a collection, send a completed Humboldt Collects Submission Form, which can be downloaded from humboldtarts.org and up to three digital images (high resolution JPEG; minimum 300 dpi, 1 MB) to jemima@humboldtarts.org by Jan. 20. Large files can be sent through a file hosting service. Selections will be made based on the submitted digital images and information provided on the form.

The Morris Graves Museum of Art, located at 636 F St., Eureka is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5/\$2 for seniors (age 65 and over) and students with ID/free for children 17 and under and museum members. Admission is always free for everyone on the first Saturday of every month, including First Saturday Night Arts Alive! and KEET's Kids Club.

SCI-FI PINT & PIZZA NIGHT Live through the *Night of the Comet* (1984) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, Dec. 21** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. After a rare comet sighting, teen sisters find themselves among the only survivors of a zombie attack, only to be hunted by scientists who want to experiment on them in the hope of finding an antidote. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

MOKKA MUSIC Squeezebug plays accordion tunes **Friday, Dec. 23** at 8 p.m. at Café Mokka, 495 J St. in Arcata. There is no cover for this all-ages show. (707) 822-2228

Chamber concert

MAD RIVER UNION
SUNNY BRAE – Violist Morgan O'Shaughnessey and pianist Jakub Tchorzewski presents a concert at the the SPACE, 92 Sunny Brae Center, Wednesday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

O'Shaughnessey, an Arcata native, attended the Humboldt Music Academy at HSU from 1997 to 2005, where he studied with Karen Davy, Sam McNeil and Carol Jacobson. He is also an alum of the Sequoia Chamber Music Workshop. He graduated with honors from the Interlochen Arts Academy and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Tchorzewski specializes in collaborative chamber music repertory. He has performed across Europe and the United States, as well as in Japan and Brazil.

Admission is by \$20 freewill offering. moshalto.com

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On The House...

Joanie and John Frederick

THE 3 'COMPARABLES'
When you buy a house or refinance your present home, your lender will ask you to pay for an appraisal to help ensure that the sales price and mortgage amount are consistent with the property's market value. The appraiser will look for three "comparables" — homes that are very similar to the one you are buying — and make adjustments to reflect the differences between the properties.

Housing patterns tend to be homogenous, meaning that homes worth \$100,000 are located in neighborhoods where the average price of a house is in that range. It is important for properties to be within the general pricing patterns of the neighborhoods because over-valued homes, even exceptional ones, are sometimes difficult to sell at full market price.

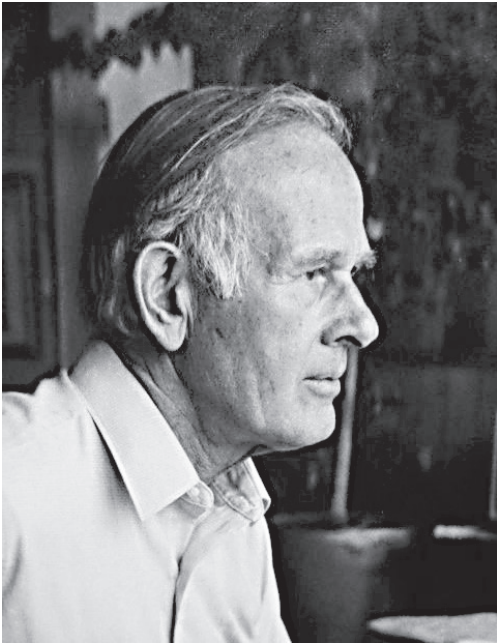
This is not the only factor in determining the value of a property, but it is an important one. The buyer or seller may view the property as their home or an investment, but lenders view a borrower fails to repay a mortgage. Therefore, lenders must know real estate values in order to limit their risks.

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OBITUARY

Marvin LeRoy Trump



Marvin LeRoy Trump, 94, died Dec. 9, 2016 after a long and fulfilling life. Born May 23, 1922 in San Diego, Marvin spent most of his childhood in Whittier before moving to Portland, Ore. for high school. In 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and became a pilot, flying B-17 and B-29 bombers; WWII ended before he could deploy overseas.

Following his military service, he earned an M.A. in architecture from UC Berkeley and left the States in 1951 for Europe, where he spent several years traveling around Europe in the summers and working as an architect in Sweden during the winters.

In 1953, he returned to Arcata with his first wife, Natalia, with whom he had a son, Michael. In 1960, he opened an architecture firm in Eureka with his business partner Bud Sauble; by this time he was a single parent. Four years later, Marvin married Kirsten, a native of Denmark, and they had two sons, Erik and Steen.

During his long career, Marvin designed a wide diversity of buildings including the Eureka-Arcata Airport Terminal, Arcata City Hall, Arcata Swimming Pool, Sacred Heart Church (Eureka), Lutheran

Church of Arcata, Redwoods Monastery (Whitethorn), and numerous residential homes. After retirement in 1992, Marvin took up golf, and – under the tutelage of Michael Hayes – rediscovered his youthful interest in oil painting. As with his architectural designs, Marvin painted in a wide variety of styles and had three memorable exhibits at the Westhaven Center for the Arts and also had his work displayed at several other local galleries.

In addition to golfing and painting, Marvin found great pleasure in fishing, gardening and reading. He was a devoted listener of classical music on public radio, and – with his sons and grandsons – he backpacked regularly in the Marble and Trinity mountains into his '70s.

In 1978, in response to a plan by California State Parks to create a new park from Moonstone Beach to Trinidad, Marvin joined with fellow coastal homeowners and helped establish the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, which took on the task of providing public access to our beautiful coast and protecting for the public benefit the natural beauty and character of Humboldt County from Little River to Big Lagoon.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, Hazel (Peggy) and Glen Trump; his son Michael; and his good friend Steele Wotkyns, “uncle” to Erik and Steen. He is survived by his wife, Kirsten; sister, Metha Bell Dunlap; sons, Erik and Steen, and their wives, Jesse and Tami; daughter-in-law, Kathryn Breininger; grandchildren, Shauen (wife Krista), Maia, Miles, and Alison; great-grandchildren, Josiah, Elijah and Isaiah; nephews, Greg and Jeff Dunlap; and numerous cousins in the U.S. and Canada.

Marvin will be greatly missed. A celebration of his life will take place in the summer of 2017. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made to the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (P.O. Box 457, Trinidad, CA 95570), the Westhaven Center for the Arts (501 South Westhaven Dr., Trinidad, CA 95570), or Hospice of Humboldt (3327 Timber Fall Ct., Eureka CA 95503).



BEEF AMBASSADORS Hannah Alto of McKinleyville, at left, was named 2016 Humboldt County beef ambassador; Madeline Holms of Fortuna, right, is her alternate.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Cattlewomen name beef ambassadors

HUMBOLDT COUNTY CATTLEWOMEN

EUREKA – Hannah Alto was named the 2016 Humboldt County Beef Ambassador by the Humboldt County CattleWomen Tuesday, Dec. 13. The annual competition, which is funded in part by the Beef Checkoff, judges contestants on their skills in three categories: media interview, issue response and consumer promotion. Madeline Holmes of Fortuna was named the First Alternate Ambassador.

While preparing for this beef promotion and education competition, youth learn

SUNDRIES FOR STUDENTS Gabrielle Wadsworth, an eighth grader at McKinleyville Middle School and Girl Scout in McKinleyville Troop 10629 completed her Silver Award project, an individual community-based project consisting of no less than 50 hours, a community mentor and an idea with sustainability. Gabrielle created a sundries supply closet for students in need at her school. While coats and school supplies are already available, Gabrielle identified a deeper need for supplies for everyday personal use and comfort, such as toiletries, T-shirts, leggings, socks, underwear and sweats. She talked to local businesses and service groups, and used Facebook, to generate donations to complete the closet. Gabrielle's motivation is that students have to be warm, clean, well-fed, and comfortable before they can settle in to learning. PHOTO COURTESY GILLIAN WADSWORTH



CROSSWORD

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15. Of a region

16. IRS agent

17. Tax-deferred accts.

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20. Place to store dishes

23. Like most colleges

24. __ code

25. Sandal parts

28. Address to a Cardinal

33. Not all __; nutty

34. Arctic Ocean sights

35. Exclamations

36. Attack

37. Violet or rose

38. Design

39. Name with Jo or Mary

40. Jennifer or James Earl

41. Heavy weight lifter

42. Falls

44. Eastwood and others

45. __ out; release

46. Injure

47. Donut-shaped objects

54. Site of the Natl. Cowboy Hall of Fame

55. Coeur d'__, Idaho

56. Despicable

58. Venison or veal

59. Elegance

60. President Arthur's middle name

61. Invites

62. Adieux

63. Parts of a journey

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2. Daily grind

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4. Piece of mail

5. Crushes

6. Curved

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8. Powder ingredient

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10. Our flag's symbol for each colony

11. "Pater Noster" closer

12. Bamboo stem

13. Shoelace problem

21. Deal with problems

22. Flour containers

25. Expensive violin, for short

26. Scottish clan chief

27. Means of control

28. Those French women

29. Pasture sounds

30. Actor Lloyd

31. Intone

32. Domestics of old

34. __ of; having a liking for

37. Written agreement

38. Of the earliest times

40. GI's transport

41. II x VII x XI

43. Track shoe features

44. Show affection for

46. High-IQ group

47. Small hall: Sp.

48. Men for Mamie and Tina (once)

49. Strong opposition

50. Ms. Fitzgerald

51. Chair

52. Anger

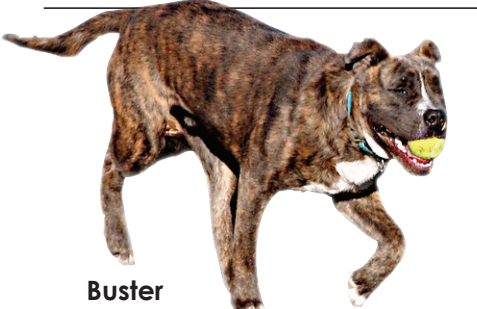
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The weekly crossword is brought to you by **KINETIC KOFFEE** Organic, fresh, local and available at Eureka Natural Foods, Murphy's Markets, the North Coast Co-op and Wildberries!



Buster

Have a ball

The shelter saw a nice reduction in the dog population around Thanksgiving. The numbers are starting to inch up again, but we are hopeful that some dogs will find new homes for the holidays. The Adoptable Dog section of the shelter currently has 24 available dogs. The selection ranges from a tiny little long-haired Chihuahua up through a magnificently beautiful male husky and includes two pure-bred (and gentle) male Doberman Pinschers, a female Rottweiler, a Labrador Retriever, two cute 4-month-old puppies and some very cuddly Pit Bull mixes.

You can always see who is currently available by going to petharbor.com and selecting the Humboldt County Sheriff's Animal Shelter or by going to the shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville.

Remember the dog that was found in a plastic box on the river bar at Fernbridge? Well, she has been in a foster home for a while to get back in shape after that experience. Now named Phoenix, she is ready to find her forever home.

Phoenix is a Border Collie mix, estimated to be around 1 year old. According to her foster family, Phoenix is good with other dogs and loves to play. She is also great with kids and has had experience around a wheelchair.

Phoenix loves to ride in the car or truck, is easy to train with treats and is very affectionate and snuggly. She loves to run and could make a good training partner. Phoenix is still working on leash training and could use a basic obedience class.

This good-natured dog is available through Redwood Pals Rescue. If your home could use a friendly and social addition, please contact us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com or call (707) 839-9692.

Another dog near and dear to my heart is in need of a foster home. Buster has been at the shelter since last summer.

Buster has an unusual story. He came into the shelter as a teenager, about 10 months old, nearly bald from a case of mange. He was treated for the mange, neutered, and moved into the Adoptable section. From the start, Buster has had a very high ball drive, liking nothing better than to go out to the play yard and fetch for as long as anyone can stand to throw the ball for him.

Buster finds the long hours in a kennel to be pretty boring. He is a working dog and is looking for a job. Buster was recently put through the paces of Search and Rescue dog testing, which he passed with flying colors. The problem? Buster looks like a Pit Bull, though his longer hair and feathery tail definitely indicate other breeds as well. Search and rescue groups don't usually use Pit Bulls, even though their tracking skills are good, due to Breed Discrimination laws in



DOG TOWN Mara Segal

other states. They can be used for drug detection or animal tracking.

We are trying to find a placement for this smart and focused dog, but things like this move slowly and we don't want Buster to run out of time. I am getting a DNA test for Buster on the chance that he is not Pit Bull at all (and therefore suitable for Search and Rescue), but again, everything takes time. I am hoping that maybe there is someone out there who might be able to foster Buster while we continue to search for the right employment for him. He is friendly with other dogs, though not interested in them at all if he is fetching. An ideal placement for him would be somewhere with a kennel for the nighttime (his energy might be high for resting in the house) and some room to play in the daytime. He can walk nicely on the leash and has some obedience skills on board.

Buster comes with tennis balls and trainer support! If you'd like to help this dog go from street mutt to a dog with a badge, please contact us at the email or phone listed above.

If fostering or adopting are not items on your holiday list, both Redwood Pals and the Humboldt County Animal Shelter always appreciate donations of bully sticks or marrow bones to help keep the pups entertained on those cold winter days. Blankets, canned cat or dog food, durable toys or natural peanut butter are always welcome as well.

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FOAM MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary **Saturday, Dec. 24** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Ken Burton at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the birds, plants, or ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

SLOW MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh sponsors a free tour **Tuesday, Dec. 27** at 2 p.m. for those who love the Marsh and want to enjoy seeing it at a slower pace than regular Saturday tours. The tour lasts 90 minutes across even, level ground and is suitable to attendees of all ages who want to learn and like camaraderie. Meet leaders John DeMartini and Jane Wilson at the first parking lot on South I Street in from Samoa Boulevard. This tour is held the last Tuesday of each month, come rain, shine, or wind. (707) 826-2359

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD VACANCY

A vacancy on the five-member Governing Board of the McKinleyville Union School District, which includes Dow's Prairie Elementary, Morris Elementary, and McKinleyville Middle Schools, has been announced. Applications for the open seat on the Governing Board will be available at the District Office, 2275 Central Avenue, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or online at: <https://sites.google.com/a/mckusd.org/mckinleyville-union-school-district/board-vacancy-information>

Applications will be received at the District Office **until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 3, 2017.**

Interested persons who are at least eighteen years old, live within the boundaries of the McKinleyville Union School District, and are registered voters are welcome to apply for the existing vacancies. All applications become public record upon receipt by the district.

Candidates will be interviewed in open session by the current members of the Board at the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2017. Persons wanting to submit questions for the existing Board members to consider during interviewing should do so by Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

A provisional appointment will be made to serve until the next regularly scheduled election for McKinleyville District Board members in November 2017.

Questions regarding the appointment can be directed to Jan Schmidt, District Superintendent, at 839-1549.

Jan Schmidt, Superintendent
 Secretary to the Board of Trustees



Update on the plastic bag ban

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Zero Waste Humboldt monitors Humboldt County stores' compliance with California's Plastic Bag Ban Law, SB 210. According to the organization, over 400 stores in Humboldt County's unincorporated areas are in at least one of the store categories required to comply with the new law.

Many stores prepared in advance, states Zero Waste Humboldt, and are already in compliance. Some stores are getting ready to comply, while others are out of compliance.

To assist Humboldt stores and shoppers adjust to the new system of reusable bags, Zero Waste Humboldt will initiate a program of assistance and information tailored for local stores and a multimedia public education campaign in January.

To learn more, email contact@zerowastehumboldt.org and stay tuned for more information about plastic bags and waste prevention strategies in Humboldt County. Californians Against Waste also provides information at cawrecycles.org/faq-on-bag-bans.

The Moments That Make Christmas Special...

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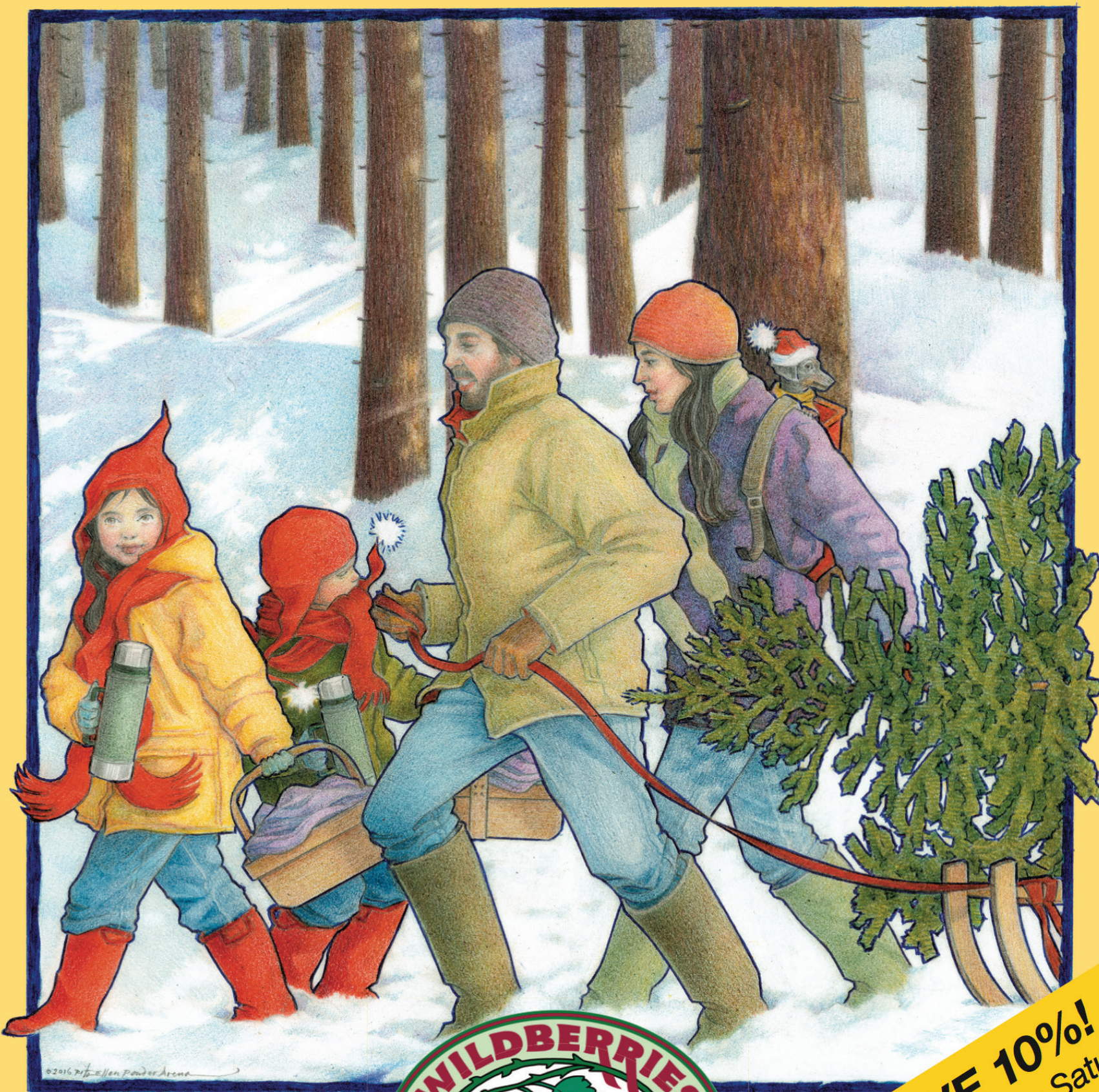
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